



MONTHLY REGULATORY ROUNDUP



AUGUST 2024

UPCOMING ACWA EVENTS

ACWA EXECUTIVE EDGE LEADERSHIP FORUM

ACWA will host its first professional development and training opportunity for general managers and executive level staff on August 29-30 in Petaluma. Register [here](#) to attend.

ACWA QUARTERLY REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ACWA's next [Quarterly Regulatory Committee Meetings](#) will be held virtually on August 28 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. [Register](#) once to attend any or all of the meetings. The schedule includes:

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Water Management Committee
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Groundwater Committee
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	Water Quality Committee
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Agriculture Committee
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Energy Committee

ACWA REGION EVENTS

- ACWA Region 9 / Program / August 13 at 10:00 am / Register [here](#).
- ACWA Region 8 / Program / August 21 at 1:30 pm / Register [here](#).

ACWA WATER USE EFFICIENCY WEBINAR

ACWA's Water Use Efficiency Subcommittee, in collaboration with the California Water Efficiency Partnership and League of California Cities, will host the first of a two-part series webinar on August 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm focused on the recently adopted Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation. Register [here](#) to attend.

POLICY UPDATES

FEDERAL

ACWA's Federal Regulatory Issues chart is accessible [here](#).

WATER MANAGEMENT

California Endangered Species Act: White Sturgeon

- On June 27, the California Fish and Game Commission posted a [Notice of Findings](#) regarding the petition to list white sturgeon as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has one year to submit a written report indicating whether the petitioned action is warranted.

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California Water Plan Update

- On July 24, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released its [California Watershed Resilience Assessment](#) (Assessment) in support of [California Water Plan Update 2023](#). The Assessment provides a high-level evaluation of the current state of watershed climate vulnerability, climate risk, and climate preparedness for watersheds throughout California.

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund: Intended Use Plan

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- On June 14, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released a Notice of Opportunity to Comment, Board Workshop, and Consideration of Adoption of the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP). The draft CWSRF IUP outlines the plan for administering the CWSRF and the projects eligible for financing. - Consideration to adopt: August 6 at 9:00 am	nickb@acwa.com 
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: Intended Use Plan - On June 24, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity to Comment, Board Workshop, and Consideration of Adoption of the State FY 2024-25 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) IUP. The draft DWSRF IUP outlines the plan for administering the DWSRF and projects eligible for financing. - Consideration to adopt: August 20 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Nick Blair nickb@acwa.com 
Fees: 2024 Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights - The State Water Board is holding a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss water quality, water rights, and drinking water fees. - Water Quality: August 1 at 9:00 am - Water Rights: August 1 at 1:00 pm - Drinking Water: August 2 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project - On July 11, DWR released a Public Notice Extending the Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project (SWP) in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Suisun Marsh, and Suisun Bay. The project will provide a framework for future projects involving SWP operations. Draft EIR documents are accessible here. - Written comments due August 5 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
PRIORITY Making Conservation a California Way of Life On July 3, the State Water Board adopted the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation and is expected to submit the regulation and enacting resolution to the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) by August 18.	Staff Contact Chelsea Haines chelseah@acwa.com 
State Water Project Delivery Capability Report On July 31, DWR released its final 2023 SWP Delivery Capability Report, which presents a new and enhanced analysis of current and future expectations for the SWP water supply if no new adaptation actions are taken. According to the report, SWP delivery capability and reliability could be reduced as much as 23 percent in 20 years due to changing flow patterns and extreme weather shifts.	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
AGRICULTURE	
2025 Research and Alliance Grants Program On July 9, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation announced its upcoming grant solicitation periods for the 2025 Research and Alliance Grants Program (Program). The Program will offer up to \$1,900,000 to eligible projects that align with California's goal of transitioning to a	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com

systemwide adoption of safer, more sustainable pest management and uplift objectives in the Sustainable Pest Management Roadmap. ○ Applications for Research Grants due September 19 ○ Applications for Alliance Grants due November 21	
Healthy Soils Program • On June 5, the California Department of Food and Agriculture began accepting proposals for new conservation management practices for inclusion in its Healthy Soils Program (HSP). The HSP supports activities and projects that sequester carbon, reduce atmospheric greenhouse gasses, and enhance soil health. ○ Deadline to submit proposals: August 2 at 5:00 pm	Staff Contact Stephen Pang stephenp@acwa.com
GROUNDWATER	
Groundwater Sustainability Plans • On July 17, DWR announced the opening of a 60-day comment period for seven resubmitted groundwater sustainability plans (GSP) that were previously deemed incomplete. Information on how to comment on the GSPs can be found here. ○ Written comments due September 16	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
State Intervention: Kern County Subbasin • On July 25, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity to Provide Feedback, Public Staff Workshops, and Public Board Hearing for the Proposed Designation of Kern County Subbasin as a Probationary Basin. The State Water Board will not decide on a probationary designation for Kern County Subbasin prior to the Public Board Hearing, but it will accept input on the Kern County Subbasin Probationary Hearing Draft Staff Report. ○ Virtual staff workshop: August 26 at 11:00 am ○ In-person staff workshop: August 29 at 5:30 pm ○ Written comments due September 23 at 12:00 pm ○ Public board hearing: February 20 at 9:00 am	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com
State Intervention: Tulare Lake Subbasin • On July 16, the State Water Board announced the temporary suspension of measurement, metering, and reporting deadlines in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Updates on the suspension are accessible here.	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP
SAFE DRINKING WATER	
SAFER Advisory Group • On July 2, the State Water Board announced the opening of applications for the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Advisory Group's 2025-2026 term. Tools and resources on how to apply can be found here. ○ Application deadline: August 31	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com  WORKING GROUP
SAFER Drinking Water Fund Expenditure Plan • On June 14, the State Water Board released a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comments, Board Workshop, and Board Consideration of Draft FEP for the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. The draft FEP discusses	Staff Contact Soren Nelson sorenn@acwa.com

funding targets, funding prioritization, distribution of prior FY funds, metrics and performance, funding process, financing and programmatic requirements, and schedule.

- Consideration of adoption: August 20 at 9:00 am



WATER QUALITY

PRIORITY

Hexavalent Chromium Maximum Contaminant Level

- On July 24, the OAL [approved](#) the final Hexavalent Chromium maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 parts per billion. The final MCL has been filed with the California Secretary of State and the MCL take effect on October 1, 2024.

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ENERGY

Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives

- The California Air Resources Board will hold a [working group meeting](#) on the Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project, Zero Emission Truck Loan Pilot Project, and Innovative Small E-Fleet Pilot Project, as well as on the Long-Term Heavy-Duty Investment Strategy, in support of policy development for the [FY 2024-25 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives](#).
 - [Webinar working group meeting](#): August 6 at 1:30 pm

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Senate Bill 100 Report

- The California Energy Commission will host a [webinar](#) to present the demand scenarios for use in the Senate Bill (SB) 100 analysis, as well as inputs and assumptions used to develop scenarios for the 2025 SB 100 Joint Agency Report. SB 100 requires that renewable energy and zero-carbon resources supply 100 percent of electric retail sales to end-use customers by 2045 and that 60 percent of the state's electricity is renewable by 2030.
 - Staff webinar: August 7 at 9:00 am

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Utility Wildfire General Order

- On June 28, the State Water Board released a [Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment, Staff-Level Workshop, and Board Hearing on the Draft Utility Wildfire and Similar Operations and Maintenance Activities Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements General Order \(Utility Wildfire General Order\) and Associated California Environmental Quality Act EIR](#). The draft Utility Wildfire General Order would provide an expedited process for permit coverage of related utility activities and support essential wildfire prevention and mitigation activities.
 - Public hearing: August 20 at 9:00 am
 - Written comments due August 30 at 12:00 pm

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ACWA COMMENT LETTERS

- [Draft IUPs for DWSRF FY 2024-25](#), State Water Board, July 23, 2024

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